

REMARKS

The subject application has been carefully considered in view of the Examiner's action dated October 1, 2003. Accordingly, various actions have been taken to address the issues raised by the Examiner.

1. A new set of formal drawings is submitted herewith. The new formal drawings, comprising Figures 1 to 8, correspond to the figures submitted at the time of filing as informal drawings. Apparently, a set of formal drawings of a different case inadvertently was filed instead of the correct set of drawings. Applicant regrets this error. The formals submitted herewith conform to the set of informal drawings originally filed except for the addition of the reference numeral 46 in Figure 1 and the reference numeral 28 in Figure 4. It is believed this correct set of drawings addresses the issues raised in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of the Examiner's action.

2. The specification paragraphs 00034, 00036, 00037, 00038, 00040, and 00041 have been amended as noted below:

a) In paragraph 00036, the reference "56" now only identifies the "slot" and the reference "62" now identifies only the "tooth repository" (see Examiner's paragraph 5).

b) Various typos are corrected in paragraphs 00034, 00036, and 00037.

c) Paragraphs 00036, 00037, 00038, and 00040 are amended to be consistent in the use of the terms "holder" and "housing". In this respect, it now is clear that the slot "56" is in the cartridge "holder" of the apparatus and that the "housing" is a component of the cartridge.

d) Paragraph 00041 is amended in part to correct references including the reference to Figure "3" rather than Figure "8".

e) Other amendments are intended to smooth the detailed description.

f) None of the amendments are believed to present issues of new matter.

3. Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. To address these issues, Claims 9 and 18 are cancelled. Claim 10 is cancelled and is rewritten as new Claim 19. Claims 1-6, 8, 11-15, and 17 are amended.

a) Claims 1 and 19 (formerly Claim 10) now conform to the Examiner's understanding that the "slot" is part of the laminator overcoat application apparatus. In this respect, Claim 1 refers to the overcoat application apparatus as having a "holder having a slot" (Claim 1) and Claim 19 refers to the apparatus as having a "cartridge holder having a cartridge-receiving slot". Also, in Claim 1, the relationship of the "teeth" on the core and the "slot" is clarified.

b) In Claims 3 and 12, the ambiguity of the location of the "guide bar" should be resolved by the amendment to Claim 1 and by the wording of new Claim 19.

c) In Claims 4 and 13, the ambiguity of the location of the "handle" also should be resolved by the amendment to Claim 1 and by the wording of new Claim 19.

d) Claims 9, 10, and 18 are cancelled.

4. Claims 2, 4-8, and 11-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. It is believed that the amendments to Claims 2, 4-6, 8, 11, and 14 should resolve these issues.

a) Claim 2 now uses wording suggested by the Examiner.

b) Claims 4-8 no longer depend from Claim 2.

c) Claims 8 and 17 are amended to clarify the structural relationship involving the "teeth" on the core and the "tooth repository" of the cartridge holder.

d) The dependency of Claim 11 is corrected (now depends from new Claim 19).

None of the art submitted by the Applicant has been applied against the Claims. Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and comments, Applicant considers the claims remaining in the case to be in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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